

# **MGT. AREAS 5 and 7 – SENSITIVE VIEWSHEDS AND SCENIC CORRIDORS**

**DESIRED CONDITIONS:** high quality scenery is provided along sensitive recreational and travel routes; emphasis is on exceptional scenic driving opportunities and natural appearing landscapes; observers are generally not aware of forest management activities

## **GENERALLY SUITABLE USES**

- Developed recreation
- Dispersed recreation
- Vegetation mgmt for wildlife
- Salvage next to existing roads
- Timber production or road construction that meets desired conditions and high scenic integrity objective

## **GENERALLY UNSUITABLE USES**

- Timber production in western part of Massanutten Mountain viewshed

# MANAGEMENT AREA 6 – THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL

**DESIRED CONDITIONS:** foreground viewing area of the trail, comprising mostly mature hardwood forest and scenic vistas with opportunities for viewing wildlife

## GENERALLY SUITABLE USES

- Dispersed recreation
- Prescribed fire
- Wildlife habitat improvements complementary to the trail

## GENERALLY UNSUITABLE USES

- Motorized travel on the trail
- Horse and bicycle use on the trail
- Road construction across or paralleling the trail within ½ mile
- Timber production

# MANAGEMENT AREA 8 – WILDERNESS AND RECOMMENDED WILDERNESS STUDY AREAS

**DESIRED CONDITIONS:** a natural evolving landscape where ecological and biological processes progress naturally with little to no human influence; opportunities for visitor solitude and physical challenge

## GENERALLY SUITABLE USES

- Non-motorized travel
- Minimal & primitive facilities, trailheads and signs for resource protection or visitor safety
- Hunting, horseback riding, fishing, skiing

## GENERALLY UNSUITABLE USES

- Motorized travel
- Motorized equipment
- Bicycling
- Road construction
- Timber production
- Salvage

# MANAGEMENT AREA 9 – REMOTE HIGHLANDS for RECREATION

**DESIRED CONDITIONS:** remote areas are managed to provide older vegetation where management activities are light on the land; offering primitive, dispersed recreation opportunities where recreationists can obtain a degree of solitude

## GENERALLY SUITABLE USES

- Prescribed fire
- Road reconstruction for resource protection only
- Wildlife habitat improvements

## GENERALLY UNSUITABLE USES

- Road construction (few exceptions)
- Timber production

# MANAGEMENT AREA 10 – ELIGIBLE SCENIC AND RECREATIONAL RIVER CORRIDORS

**DESIRED CONDITIONS:** maintenance of the outstandingly remarkable values and conditions of river segment corridors (1/4 mile on each side) that meet the requirements for the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968, until designation decisions are made by federal or state agencies

## GENERALLY SUITABLE USES

- Prescribed fire
- Salvage from existing roads

## GENERALLY UNSUITABLE USES

- Timber production

# **MANAGEMENT AREA 11 – ALL TERRAIN/OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE ROUTES**

**DESIRED CONDITIONS:** a variety of motorized recreation opportunities on identified routes only; other recreation opportunities occur adjacent to the designated route corridors; management treatments blend well with the natural landscape

## **GENERALLY SUITABLE USES**

- Timber production (except for Rocky Run area)
- Prescribed fire

## **GENERALLY UNSUITABLE USES**

- Timber production in Rocky Run area

# MANAGEMENT AREA 13 – DISPERSED RECREATION

**DESIRED CONDITIONS:** a variety of dispersed recreation opportunities and experiences with the appropriate facilities to accommodate heavy use in certain areas; feature a significant scenic or recreational resource in smaller areas; feature well-developed trail or road systems for activities such as mountain bike riding, horseback riding, hiking, hunting and fishing in larger areas

## GENERALLY SUITABLE USES

- Prescribed fire
- Trail construction
- Timber production with uneven-aged management

## GENERALLY UNSUITABLE USES

- Road construction
- Timber production with even-aged management

# MANAGEMENT AREA 14 – REMOTE HABITAT FOR WILDLIFE

**DESIRED CONDITIONS:** large areas of mature, contiguous forest provide habitat for area-sensitive species, such as black bear; vehicular access is limited, with few open roads

## GENERALLY SUITABLE USES

- Prescribed fire
- Salvage, only for wildlife habitat objectives
- Non-motorized dispersed recreation
- Wildlife habitat improvements
- Some lands suitable for timber production

## GENERALLY UNSUITABLE USES

- Road construction - except for lowest level of road and admin use only for resource mgmt activities
- Some lands unsuitable for timber production



# **MANAGEMENT AREA 15 – MOSAICS OF WILDLIFE HABITAT WITH FREEDOM FROM DISTURBANCE**

**DESIRED CONDITIONS:** variety of forest ages with habitat ranging from permanent forest openings to mast-bearing mature hardwoods; minimal open road densities for freedom from disturbance during nesting and brood-rearing seasons; wildlife species emphasis includes wild turkey, ovenbird, gray squirrel

## **GENERALLY SUITABLE USES**

- Prescribed fire
- Salvage, only for wildlife habitat objectives
- Some lands are suitable for timber production for wildlife habitat objectives, with even-aged methods

## **GENERALLY UNSUITABLE USES**

- Limited motorized vehicle use or seasonal closures
- Some lands are unsuitable for timber production

# MANAGEMENT AREA 16 – EARLY SUCCESSIONAL HABITAT FOR WILDLIFE

**DESIRED CONDITIONS:** high quality, early successional habitat intermingled with areas of mast-bearing trees and permanent herbaceous openings; wildlife species emphasis includes ruffed grouse, white-tailed deer and common flicker

## GENERALLY SUITABLE USES

- Wildlife habitat improvements
- Prescribed fire
- Timber production, with even-aged methods
- Salvage
- Road construction

## GENERALLY UNSUITABLE USES

# MANAGEMENT AREA 17 – TIMBER PRODUCTION

**DESIRED CONDITIONS:** balanced age class distribution of forest stands containing tree species capable of sustained, high value timber production; periodic vegetation manipulation through commercial timber sales; a variety of motorized and non-motorized recreation opportunities

## GENERALLY SUITABLE USES

- Timber production
- Prescribed fire
- Road construction
- Salvage

## GENERALLY UNSUITABLE USES

# **MANAGEMENT AREA 22 – HABITAT FOR SMALL GAME AND WATCHABLE WILDLIFE**

**DESIRED CONDITIONS:** concentrated management activities to develop the unique wildlife habitat and dispersed recreation potential in the area; accessible year-round by motorized vehicles; small game hunting access, wildlife viewing, nature study and fishing opportunities

## **GENERALLY SUITABLE USES**

- Intensive wildlife habitat improvements
- Prescribed fire only for wildlife habitat needs

## **GENERALLY UNSUITABLE USES**

- Timber production